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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 September 2005 and 05 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 09/06/2005.
2. Claims 1 and 3-37 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 22, 28, and 33 are independent claims. In Amendment, claim 2 is cancelled. This Office Action is made non-final after a RCE filed 10/05/2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Siers et al. (U.S. 6,269,386).

Re claim 1, Siers et al. disclose in Figures 1-6 an adder to sum two binary numbers (e.g. abstract and col. 1 lines 50-68), comprising: a first circuit (e.g. Figure 1 with all P6 circuits) having a plurality of carry-merge stages connected in a series (e.g. operate as series dependent as seen in Figure 2), the first circuit adapted to generate a group of carries (e.g. all the output from P6), the group of carries including a final carry generated by a final stage of the series (e.g. C_{out}^i in Figure 3 and col. 2 lines 32-47), a first carry generated by a first stage of the series (e.g. 116 from 102 to 110) and a second carry

generated by one of the plurality of stages of the series located between the first and final stages of the series (e.g. output of 108); a second circuit (e.g. 116 for generating carry) connected to the first circuit and having a plurality of stages (e.g. all P6s circuits), the second circuit connected to receive the final carry and the second carry and adapted to produce a pair of conditional carry (e.g. 116 connects C_{in} and output of 108), the second circuit adapted to generate additional carries missing from the group of carries to provide one carry for every group of a predetermined number of bits of the two binary numbers (e.g. C_{out}^0 to C_{out}^n wherein n can be a predetermined number of bits as 4 bits per group); at least one sum generator (e.g. all CSS circuits in Figure 1) connected to the first circuit (e.g. all P6s) and the second circuit (e.g. 116 circuit) and connected to receive the first carry (e.g. outputs of all P6s) and one of the pair of conditional carry, the sum generator adapted to generate a pair of conditional sums (e.g. Figure 5); and at least one device adapted to select between the pair of conditional sums in response to one of the group of carries (e.g. Figure 5 through 502).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 8-37 are allowed.
6. Claims 3-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

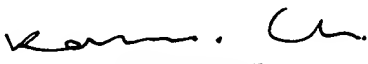
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chat C. Do whose telephone number is (571) 272-3721. The examiner can normally be reached on M => F from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chaki Kakali can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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